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CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room AD-128, Loyola Campus, at 4:00 P.M. on Monday
12 January 1981

PRESENT: Dr. R. Breen, Chairman; Mr. D. Arfin, Mr. L. Burogano, Dean B. Counihan,
Ms. S. Crompton, Ms. M.E. Diacoumacos, Dr. E. Enos, Dean M. Flynn
GSA Mr. R. Javitch, Ms. A. Kerby, Mr. A. Lajoie, Mr. R. Philip, Mr. J. Revay,
Mr. J.A. Sproule, Ms. D. Brundage (Secretary)

ABSENT: Prof. R. Allison, Prof. J. Macaluso, Mr. P. Mehta

GUESTS: Mr. D. Boisvert, Ms. N. Cullen, Ms. L. Ratelle

Chairman's Remarks

81.1.1.0 A quorum of members being present, the Chairman opened the meeting and stated that he had no particular remarks to offer at this point in the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda

81.1.2.0 The Chairman raised the question of approval of the Agenda, whereupon Dean Counihan MOVED and Ms. Kerby SECONDED that the Agenda for the meeting of 12 January 1981 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 1 December 1980

81.1.3.0 The Chairman then requested comments on, corrections to or approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 1 December 1980, whereupon Mr. Sproule MOVED and Dr. Enos SECONDED that the said Minutes be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Recommendation of the Priorities and Finance Committee with regard to Disposition of the 1980/81 Budget Surplus (CCSL 81-1-D1)

81.1.4.0 In response to the Chairman's request, Ms. Brundage distributed to members copies of the Priorities and Finance Committee, Report #2, and asked that they consider it in connection with the previously circulated document, CCSL 81-1-D1, headed, "Amounts Approved by the Priorities and Finance Committee for Recommendation to the Concordia Council on Student Life for Disposition of the Student Services Budget Surplus, 1980/81".

81.1.4.1 Before Council considered the Committee's recommendation, Dean Flynn asked that it be noted that staff members reporting to the Dean of Students on the Sir George Williams Campus had felt it unwise to dispose of the current year's surplus until it became clear whether or not an increase in the student fee for the budget year 1981/82 would be required.

81.1.4.2 Dr. Breen stated that he was prepared to accept the recommendation of the Priorities and Finance Committee, subject to discussion. One caveat he wished to offer concerned items which conceivably might be financed from the University's renovations budget, specifically: the carpeting of the Dean of Students' Office, Sir George Williams Campus, which will be included with the general renovations budget if the Dean's office is relocated; the moving of a wall in the Handicapped Student's Centre, Sir George Williams Campus; the removal of a wall and replacement or repair of carpeting in Guidance Services' Loyola office; and the removal of a wall and creation of

a new entrance, door and lighting in the CEC office on the Loyola Campus. The Chairman suggested that CCSL approve the foregoing expenditures in principle, but reserve the release of the funds to his discretion, pending the outcome of his renovations negotiations with the University administrators.

81.1.4.3 Some discussion as to the responsibility of the University administration for matters of renovation and the provision of furniture and equipment ensued. Dr. Breen noted that if the University can afford to provide these items from the capital fund, then it is right that it should do so; however, in cases where priority is not given to student services' requests because of insufficient funds, then Council may well wish to undertake the expense where the need is particularly great. Subsequently, Dean Flynn MOVED and Mr. Sproule SECONDED as follows:

THAT the amounts required to finance those items recommended by the Priorities and Finance Committee in document CCSL 81-1-D1 and mentioned in paragraph 81.1.4.2 hereof, be approved in principle by Council, but that the actual release of the funds be reserved to the discretion of Council's Chairman, pending the outcome of his negotiations on the subject of such renovations with the University's administration.

MOTION CARRIED.

81.1.4.4 In response to Mr. Arfin's enquiry, Ms. Brundage stated that, while it will not be possible to determine the amount by which an excess of fee revenue may be received over that budgeted for in 1981/81 until the amounts collected at January registration have been processed and credited to the student services' revenue account, it is not unreasonable to assume that some \$10,000 to \$20,000 over budget may be deposited. The Chairman advised members, however, that the renovations required at Victoria School will be expensive and that Council should be prepared to pick up a portion of this cost.

81.1.4.5 In response to Mr. Burogano's query, Dr. Breen stated that it is very important to the University's athletic program, particularly with regard to intra-murals on the Sir George Williams Campus, that the Victoria School facility be properly renovated. Any money which is appropriated for this purpose will be extremely well spent, particularly in light of the fact that the facility will not cater to a small, elite percentage of athletes. Mr. Burogano then asked Dr. Enos which of the renovations or the acquisition of the Cybex machine is more important. Dr. Enos replied that they will serve two different kinds of population, but are equally valuable to the Athletics' operation. The Cybex machine is an exercise device used in treatment and rehabilitation, specifically of leg injuries. An extension may be acquired which will enable it to be used for arms as well. On the average, some twenty-four people per day receive this type of treatment in the Athletics' Department and with the Cybex, the calibre provided will improve greatly, as will the collection of scientific data.

81.1.4.6 The necessity for developing an intra-mural facility on the Sir George Williams Campus arises from the fact that the Hall Building does not have a gymnasium and the complete access which Sir George Williams students once

had to the "Y" facilities has been reduced to the swimming pool alone. Mr. Burogano then enquired whether or not Concordia could be evicted by the owners of Victoria School. To this the Chairman replied, "no". In fact, Concordia is rendering them a service by occupying the building which would otherwise be empty. Finally, he noted that for political reasons, it is much easier for the University to acquire funds to rent rather than to purchase space.

81.1.4.7 Mr. Revay asked Dr. Enos what utilization of the Cybex was anticipated and was informed that the average treatment takes twenty minutes and that it is expected that the machine will be fully booked. Mr. Revay's next question was as to what, if any, arrangements had been entered into with the academic area and what the criteria might be as to who would get priority on the machine. Dr. Enos replied that the Department of Exercise Science has not gotten into this area, in which the Athletics' people are the experts. Dr. Enos went on to note that the majority of injuries treated are not to varsity athletes. Some staff members are treated and, for this reason, the amount which the Priorities and Finance Committee approved for the purchase of the Cybex represents only eighty-five per cent of its cost. Dr. Enos plans to approach the Department of Human Resources for a contribution of the balance on behalf of the staff. Mr. Lajoie asked if it would be possible to charge a fee for use of the machine by people from outside the University community during the Summer months. Dr. Enos replied that there are legal implications which would complicate such an undertaking; however, he has talked with Dr. J. Sullivan about its possible use for research purposes. Ms. Kerby noted that she would like to see some of the machine's free time reserved for use by the handicapped.

81.1.4.8 There being no further discussion with regard to the recommendation of the Priorities and Finance Committee, Dean Flynn MOVED and Dean Counihan SECONDED, as follows:

THAT the Concordia Council on Student Life approve the recommendation of the Priorities and Finance Committee contained in the document CCSL 81-1-D1, dated 5 January 1981, and headed, "Amounts Approved by the Priorities and Finance Committee for Recommendation to the Concordia Council on Student Life for Disposition of the Student Services Budget Surplus, 1980/81", subject to the reservation contained in the Motion appearing in item 81.1.4.3 hereof.

Finally, the Chairman stated that he would present Council's recommendation to members of the Board of Governors at its meeting on Thursday, 15 January 1981, for approval, following which the monies approved may be disbursed.

Information Session - Intra-mural Sports

81.1.5.0 Dr. Breen then called upon Mr. Philip to provide Council with an idea of how the intra-mural athletic program operated. Mr. Philip responded by observing that intra-mural activities are available on both campuses. Within the overall program, three distinct areas may be identified: the competitive, with both men's and women's teams; the instructional, which is co-educational; and the recreational which is also co-educational. In the competitive area, such teams as hockey, broomball, touch football and basketball play regularly scheduled games. In the instructional area, a

very popular activity is dance of all types. Eleven classes are in operation and over 400 students participate on the Sir George Williams Campus. Karate and the other martial arts which were much in demand a few years ago are no longer as popular as they were. A new program which is operating this year is the Women's Self-Defense Course. Incidentally, Mr. Philip noted, the Lacolle Centre had offered a two-day course of this nature earlier in the year, but whereas Lacolle had charged \$30.00, the Athletics' course is free. One very high quality instructional program which is the result of the interest generated when Montreal hosted the Olympics is fencing. Although this program is expensive to operate, fifty percent of the cost is defrayed by the Provincial Government.

81.1.5.3 The recreational program is co-educational and consists mainly of "pick up" basketball, volleyball, badminton and similar activities. It has been Mr. Philip's experience that it is preferable to put nights aside for these activities, rather than merely leaving the gymnasium open.

81.1.5.4 As was noted earlier, Mr. Philip went on, use of the YMCA facilities adjacent to the downtown campus has been pared down to swimming only. One reason is that with the acquisition of Victoria School, more programs can be offered in prime time - the hours between 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. At one time, Concordia shared the cost of instructional programs with the "Y", but were only entitled to half the places in the classes. At the present time, negotiations are under way with the "Y" for next year which may result in memberships being made available to Concordia staff, students and faculty at a reduced rate.

81.1.5.5 The intra-mural staff is responsible for all the sports activities within the Athletic Department which are not inter-collegiate. For instance, they are responsible for all free time in both the gymnasium and the weight room. The rink is reserved for free skating times and for free skating parties which are very popular. The intra-mural program operates separately on each campus, but students from one campus are welcome to participate in any activity offered by the other. At Loyola, there are more student-run programs (under supervision) than is the case on the Sir George Williams Campus where this is undertaken mainly by full-time staff members. Insofar as attendance is concerned, statistics are maintained for the instructional programs but not by registration which has proved to be highly inaccurate. Figures are also available for the non-instructional programs, some of which are accurate, some of which are averages. Overall, some 2,000 students utilize the athletic facilities for intra-murals on the Sir George Williams Campus and approximately 1,200 take part at Loyola. Finally, Mr. Philip stated that the Department would like to locate the instructional activities on the Sir George Williams Campus and the competitive and recreational at Loyola which would mean that there would be fewer occasions when the larger facilities are being devoted to relatively small classes; however, it may be difficult to persuade the clientele that this would be a good idea.

81.1.5.6 Mr. Lajoie mentioned that there are fencing clubs across the Province and asked if it were possible that some of the intra-mural programs could develop into varsity level teams. In response, Mr. Philip stated that for many of the sports involved there are competitions offered within the University structure. Concordia's Athletic Department would enquire as to anyone who wished to participate, but its staff do not consider that they are developing varsity teams. Rugby, however, is an example of an activity which has gone "big time".

81.1.5.7 Mr. Lajoie's second question dealt with the level of staff and faculty involvement in intra-mural activity. Mr. Philip replied that there is good participation by these segments of the community, but noted that the students are responsible for the greater cost of the operation. Nevertheless, it is good public relations to encourage the others to participate. An attempt had been made in the past to charge faculty and staff for their use of the Athletics' facility, but because there was a good deal of complaint, in addition to the fact that many of these people had student ID cards and, finally, the fact that the administration became a headache, the idea was abandoned. The situation now is that faculty and staff are welcome to participate in all recreational activities, and in instructional programs, as well, providing that space is available.

81.1.5.8 Another of Mr. Lajoie's concerns was with the possibility of equipment rental - cross country skis, for example. Mr. Philip's response was that this would be an excellent idea if space for storage and issuance of the equipment were available. As it is, the Athletics' Department cannot store equipment for many of the instructional programs.

81.1.5.9 Mr. Revay asked for a comment on his statement that there are academic departments within the University which it would be logical to assume would co-operate closely with the Athletics' Department, but that he had been led to believe that this was not the case. Dr. Enos stated that historically there had been a good deal of co-operation, since he had been the first chairman of the Bio-Physical Education Department. With time, however, both departments had become strong enough to stand alone. The Department of Exercise Science places very little emphasis on the instructional aspect, but it is growing very quickly and it is very difficult to predict at what point their expertise and that of the Athletics' Department would be shared, not only at the activity level, but at the scientific as well. If the Olympic facility is acquired by the University, some type of integration might well occur. A further question about co-operation was raised with regard to the Department of Recreation and Leisure. Here, Dr. Enos pointed out the broad interpretation which Concordia gives to the latter term. For instance, although the City of Montreal tends to think of recreation and leisure mainly in terms of sports, particularly hockey, the University department is concerned largely with arts and crafts. Concordia's intra-mural program, too, has broadened to include activities which are not purely athletic, for instance, the dance classes and a baseball club devoted to a sedentary version of the sport.

81.1.1.10 Dean Counihan expressed his interest in tennis and asked what was being done to develop the sport. Dr. Enos stated that the acquisition of tennis courts was still on his priorities list and explained how the old Loyola tennis courts had been pre-empted for use as a parking lot. Because more and more students are remaining on campus during the Summer, the desirability of having courts is becoming more apparent. The original idea of having an indoor facility has been discarded because of the cost. Some student interest has been expressed in having a tennis team, but not sufficient to justify the cost. The students would have to contribute substantially to rent in-door time.

81.1.5.11 Dean Flynn mentioned the international clubs and the amount of their budgets which is being spent on athletic equipment. Moreover, since more of them are staying in Montreal during the Summer, he emphasized the importance of developing an athletic program for them during that time of year. Dr. Enos stated that Mr. V. Pavlicik was attending meetings of the internationals in order to determine the type of activity which would meet their needs and to draw out from their budgets the cost of equipment which Athletics can provide. Balls, for instance, would not pose a problem - but uniforms would.

81.1.5.12 Dr. Breen thanked Mr. Philip on behalf of Council for his informative presentation and expressed his pleasure at the high number of students who are participating in the intra-mural program.

Reports from Directors

81.1.6.1 Dean Counihan reported that all units under his jurisdiction had resumed their normal activity subsequent to the Christmas break. The Campus Ministry's basket drive had been its most successful to date; some \$5,000 provided for the distribution of baskets to some one hundred needy families. The host program organized by Loyola's International Student Advisor had resulted in fifteen international students being invited into the homes of faculty and staff members during the holiday period. It is planned to continue the program in future years. The International Student Advisors on both campuses conducted a mini-orientation for new international students early in January. Excellent co-operation had been received from members of the academic administration.

81.1.6.2 Mr. Sproule distributed a written report, CCSL 81-1-D4, which described Guidance Services' activities from September through December 1980 and stated that he would be pleased to answer any questions members might have at the next meeting.

81.1.6.3 Dr. Enos reported that all activities in the Athletics Department have resumed following the Christmas break.

81.1.6.4 Dean Flynn reported that the Italian students on the Sir George Williams Campus had raised some \$3,500 in aid of the earthquake victims and had forwarded the money to Mr. W. Reay who will arrange for its transmittal to the Red Cross. Four Engineering students recently conducted a research project which required each of them to spend a day in a wheelchair. Copies of the report which the students submitted as part of their class requirement may be obtained from Dean Flynn or Mr. J. Dubois. A reporter from The Gazette interested in doing a story on Concordia's handicapped program met recently with Ms. Kerby, Mr. Dubois and himself, Dean Flynn added. Finally, he went on, he wished to recommend that Council establish an Awards Committee as had been done in other years. The response to the bestowal of these awards, he felt, had been good and warranted a continuation of the practice. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to Steering Committee for possible inclusion on the Agenda of the next Council meeting.

Progress Report on Room H-651

81.1.7.0 The Chairman stated that he had reviewed the matter of Room H-651 with Dean Flynn and Mr. Arfin and had subsequently recommended to the Rector that the

room become a quiet, mixed lounge. It will be available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings - after 7:00 P.M. for program activities. The music presently being "shot" into the room will be discontinued. In order to improve the atmosphere of the lounge, Dr. Breen stated, he has spoken to Prof. Pétolas so that something may be done about the flooring, the ceiling and repainting. For three months, members of student security will monitor activities and it is hoped they will be as successful in this capacity as they have been at the Campus Centre. In answer to a question as to whether or not student security people will check ID cards, Dr. Breen stated that the terms of student security activity had yet to be developed. However, it has been determined that they will report directly to Dean Flynn. The possibility exists, the Chairman added, that Council will be obliged to undertake the cost of the student security for the three month period mentioned above.

Vice-Chairman of Council: Steering Committee's Nomination, Prof. R. Allison

81.1.8.0 It was MOVED by Dean Flynn, SECONDED by Mr. Sproule and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that Prof. R. Allison be appointed to serve as Vice-Chairman of Council during the remainder of the 1980/81 academic year.

Taping of Council Meetings

81.1.9.1 In discussion, it became evident that Mr. Burogano's request for the taping of proceedings referred to the Priorities and Finance Committee and not to Council itself. The Chairman said he had no objection to such taping if Priorities and Finance Committee members wished it to be done.

Because Carnival Week will take place during the first week in February, it was agreed that the next Council meeting would take place on Monday, 9 February 1981 at 4:00 P.M. in Room H-769 on the Sir George Williams Campus.

There being no further business, Dean Flynn MOVED, Dean Counihan SECONDED and it was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned.